



New Humanities and Arts Grant Opportunities

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs recently announced new grant opportunities to help put Iowa's history, culture, arts and creative sectors back to work and launch innovative humanities programming.

ARP Grants - Humanities

Made possible by an appropriation to the department from the **National Endowment for the Humanities** through the American Rescue Plan Act, these grants will be awarded to eligible Iowa organizations. **Deadline: Oct. 1.**

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Humanities Project Grants

This new annual cycle of grants is available through a **National Endowment for the Humanities** award to the department, as Iowa's interim state humanities council partner.

Deadline: Nov. 1.

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ARP Grants - Arts

Made possible by an appropriation to the department from the **National Endowment for the Arts** through the American Rescue Plan Act, these grants will be awarded to eligible organizations and individual artists. **Deadline: Oct. 1.**

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We Want to Hear from YOU!

As someone who cares about Iowa history, YOUR input is essential to the new strategic plan for the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. **YOUR insights will guide our mission-driven work** to help create vibrant communities by connecting Iowans to the people, places and points of pride that define our state.

So we invite you to take a short survey. It should take about 15 minutes to complete, and its results will help us continue to enhance history offerings across the state.

Bonus: All survey respondents may apply for one of two **\$500 stipends** that will help Iowa arts, history or cultural organizations buy necessary materials and supplies. After you've completed the separate and confidential survey, simply fill out this **short application** for the stipend.

Thank you in advance!

TAKE THE SURVEY BY OCT. 1

Preserving the First Draft of History



Two children pore over a newspaper in Dickens, Iowa, in 1936. (Library of Congress)

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Ever since John King started publishing the **Dubuque Visitor** in 1836, Iowa newspapers have been writing the first draft of the state's history each and every day. During **National Newspaper Week, Oct. 3–10**, columnists will devote plenty of ink to the current state and future fate of the industry. But it's also an occasion to celebrate the past as communities rally to preserve and digitize their hometown newspapers. See how you can tap into the State Historical Society of Iowa's **collection of Iowa newspapers**, or access the **Newspaper Archives Iowa Database**,

Celebrate Moments & Culture

A new collection of online resources is now available as part of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs' ongoing **Days of Learning** initiative, which connects educators, students, parents and lifelong learners to a **showcase of Iowa's arts, history,**

humanities, film and culture. The new multimedia collection, "**Celebrate Moments & Cultures**," features a mix of milestones, memorable stories and points of view from Iowa's



past, specially curated by the department staff and other experts from cultural and humanities organizations across the state.

BROWSE THE NEW COLLECTION

Commemorate Iowa's 175 Anniversary of Statehood



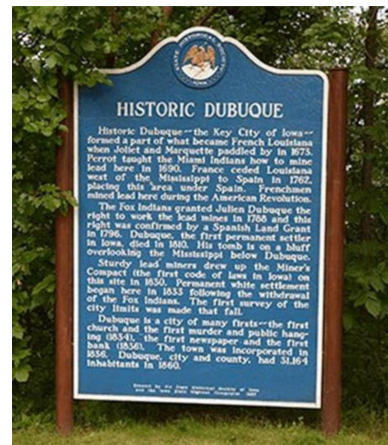
You can request a complimentary mail-order **pop-up display** about "Iowa's People & Places" that is free-standing, lightweight and easy to assemble. It's perfect for museums, historical societies, libraries, community centers and other public locations.

Exhibitors will receive a digital toolkit to help plan and promote related programs for adults, children and educators.

[REQUEST A DISPLAY](#)

State Historical Markers Grants

Grants are available to help communities create and install their own **historical markers to tell the stories of the people and places from Iowa's past**. With support from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, grants up to \$2,000 are available for the manufacture and shipment of a 2-by-3-foot cast aluminum historical marker. The program is open to all time periods and geographic areas of the state, and priority will be given to markers that focus on historically underrepresented groups.



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A Call for Artifacts From the First Gulf War

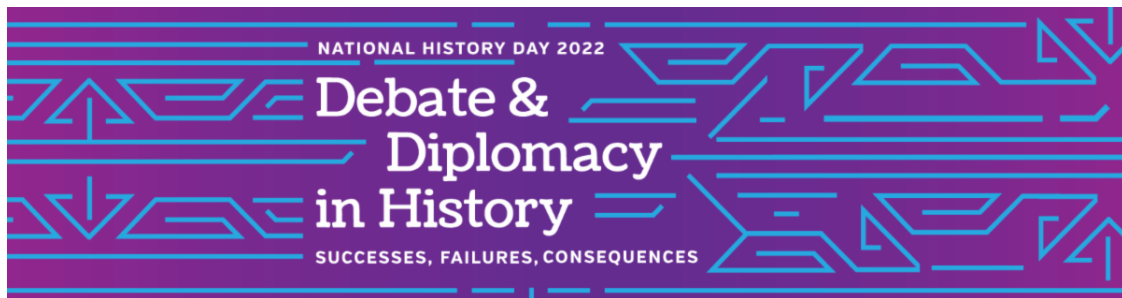
As the country marks **30 years since the First Gulf War**, the State Historical Society of Iowa is seeking help from the public to strengthen its collection of **objects and artifacts that tell the stories** and actions of Iowans during the two-month battle, and any military service after 1990. Iowans and others interested in donating are

encouraged to learn more through our online [Object Donation form](#).

Pictured: Army jacket Daniel Lamb of Marshalltown wore in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm.



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National History Day in Iowa

It's September, which means thousands of students, educators and parents are gearing up for the National History Day in Iowa contest, guided by a new theme, "**Debate & Diplomacy in History: Success, Failures and Consequences**."

National History Day is a year-long academic program that challenges students to research, develop and present papers, exhibits, documentaries, websites and performances about historical topics related to an annual theme. They compete at district and state contests, with winners advancing to the national contest to compete against thousands of students from around the world. National winners receive cash prizes and scholarships.

Iowa educators interested in starting an NHD program at their schools should contact Vania Boland at vania.boland@iowa.gov for more information.

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Coming Up Online

Iowa History 101: When a Dream Dies: Agriculture, Iowa and the Farm Crisis of the 1980s

Sept. 23, Noon

Join **Iowa State University Distinguished Professor of History Pamela Riney-Kehrberg** as she presents her research about the **Farm Crisis of the 1980s** and the impact it had on Iowa families and communities. She will discuss how a decade of stress challenged everyone involved in the business of agriculture.



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